

**PATENT** 

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MUTANTS OF STREPTOCOCCAL TOXIN A AND METHODS OF USE

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## **AMENDMENT & RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 18, 2000, please enter this amendment and consider the following remarks for the patent application identified above.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows.

At page 54, line 24, after the sequence, please insert - -(SEQ ID NO: 11)- -.

## In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2, 10, 11, 15 and 16 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1 and 3-9 as follows.

1. (Amended)

A mutant SPE-A toxin [or fragment thereof,]:

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